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Title: METHOD FOR PASSIVE PHASE CHANGE THERMAL MANAGEMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an integrated circuit heat sink comprising: forming an integrated circuit heat sink including:

> forming a metal conductive structure having a cavity, the cavity including a cavity surface sloping upward from a low area located at a center of the cavity surface;

injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity; and

> injecting a plurality of spheres into the phase change material; and sealing the cavity.

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein forming a metal conductive 2. structure having a cavity comprises:

forming a metal conductive structure having a cavity including a cavity surface having a plurality of ramp structures formed on the cavity surface.

(Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein injecting a mixture including a 3. phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity comprises:

injecting TH58 into the cavity.

- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a plurality of a number of particles spheres into the cavity comprises: injecting a plurality of solid spheres into the cavity.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein sealing the cavity comprises: closing an injection hole in the metal conductive structure.

6-16. (Canceled)

 (Currently Amended) A method of forming an integrated circuit heat sink comprising: forming an integrated circuit heat sink including:

forming a metal conductive structure having a cavity and a plurality of fins, the cavity including a cavity surface having a plurality of ramp structures formed on the cavity surface;

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injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity; and injecting a plurality of mixing spheres into the phase change material; and sealing the cavity.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein forming a metal conductive structure having a cavity and a plurality of fins includes forming a substantially flat surface on an external surface of the metal conductive structure.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein forming a substantially flat surface on an external surface of the metal conductive structure includes forming the flat surface by machining.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein forming a substantially flat surface on an external surface of the metal conductive structure includes forming the flat surface having a footprint that is significantly larger than the surface area of an integrated circuit die to which the metal conductive structure is to be attached.
- (Currently Amended) A method of forming an integrated circuit heat sink comprising: forming an integrated circuit heat sink including;

forming a metal conductive structure having a cavity;

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injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity, wherein each particles in the number of particles has a density about equal to the density of the phase change material: and

injecting a phase change material into the cavity; Intermixing a plurality of fluid mixing spheres having a density about equal to the density of the phase change material into the phase change material; and

sealing the cavity.

- 22 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity includes intermixing a plurality of spheres into the phase change material including includes selecting a number of the plurality of spheres intermixed to be a large enough number to enhance convective cooling in the phase change material.
- 23 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including coupling the metal conductive structure to an integrated circuit die.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an integrated circuit heat sink comprising: forming an integrated circuit heat sink including:

forming a pair of symmetrical structures, each of the pair of symmetrical structures substantially identical to the other, each of the pair of symmetrical structures having a volume;

coupling the pair of symmetrical structures to form a cavity; injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity; and

injecting a phase change material into the cavity;

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injecting a plurality of fluid mixing spheres into the phase change material- and

sealing the cavity.

- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein forming a pair of symmetrical structures includes forming the volume of each of the pair of symmetrical structures to be approximately one-half of a volume of the cavity.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein forming a pair of symmetrical structures includes forming fins on an external surface of each of the pair of symmetrical structures.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein forming fins on an external surface of each of the pair of symmetrical structures includes attaching the fins using a metal fusing process.
- 28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein injecting a mixture including a phase change material and a number of particles into the cavity comprises:

injecting a plurality of hollow spheres into the cavity.

- 29. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein each of the number of particles has an approximately spherical shape.
- 30. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein each of the number of particles has an approximately spherical shape.